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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. WIDE-RANGING PRESS CONFERENCE BY PRESIDENT VELASCO INCLUDED COMMENTS ON 1) U.S.-PERUVIAN RELATIONS, 2) U.S. STANCE ON COPPER PRICES, 3) SOCIAL PROPERTY (REPORTED BY SEPTTEL), AND 4) POSSIBLE INVITATION TO SEVERAL LA PRESIDENTS.

2. PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWED MAY 2 CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF AMBASSADOR DEAN. DURING CEREMONY, VELASCO SAID THAT GOP HAS GREAT INTEREST IN EVEN CLOSER TIES WITH THE U.S. THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED THAT AMBASSADOR TRANSMIT VELASCO'S GREETING TO PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND HE REITERATED AN INVITA-

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TION FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO VISIT PERU.

3. ACCORDING TO USIS TAPED VERSION OF PRESS CONFERENCE, VELASCO STATED THAT PERUVIAN RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE GOING VERY WELL. HE ADDED THAT QUOTE YOU ALL KNOW THE BACKGROUND AND REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF THE CONFLICT OVER THE IPC AND OTHER COMPANIES. THERE WERE MOMENTS OF TENSION AND THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEY NOW UNDERSTAND PERUVIAN PROBLEMS AND REVOLUTIONARY PROBLEMS. THUS, THERE IS NO FRICTION AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY FRICTION WOULD EXIST. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH U.S. NOW. (OUR) RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE MAGNIFICENT. (LAS RELACIONES VAN POR MAGNIFICO CAMINO.) UNQUOTE OFFICIAL VERSION OF VELASCO'S COMMENTS ON US. - PERUVIAN RELATIONS VARIED FROM TRUE (TAPED) VERSION BY TONING DOWN SOMEWHAT THE PRESIDENT'S VERY POSITIVE REMARKS. OFFICIAL VERSION ADDED PHRASE QUOTE WE SPEAK TO THE U.S. WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL RESPECT, WITH FRANKNESS, BUT WITH FIRMNESS AS WELL. UNQUOTE

4. A REPORTER CLAIMED THAT, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, AMBASSADOR EBERLE STATED THAT THE U.S. TENACIOUSLY OPPOSES INCREASES IN COPPER PRICES (SIC) AND ASKED FOR VELASCO'S REACTION. PRESIDENT SAID IT WAS ONLY LOGICAL THAT EVERY NATION WOULD LIKE THE PRICE OF ITS IMPORTS TO BE LOW, AND THAT PERU AND THE U.S. ARE NO DIFFERENT IN THIS RESPECT. HE LAUDED THE PRIOR PREPARATION OF BOTH PERUVIAN AND U.S. DELEGATIONS, WHICH, HE SAID, ENABLED THEM TO FINISH THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITHIN TWO HOURS.

5. RESPONDING TO A REPORTER, VELASCO REMARKED THAT QUESTION OF AN ARMS MORATORIUM SUCH AS HE HAS SUGGESTED IS A DIFFICULT ONE. IT HAS TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER, HE CONTINUED, PERHAPS AT A MEETING OF SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN PRESIDENTS WHO WOULD PROBABLY BE INVITED BY PERU TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF AYACUCHO ON DECEMBER 9, 1974. PROMPTED BY REPORTERS, HE ADDED THAT BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO SEA AS WELL AS OTHER TOPICS COULD ALSO BE TREATED AT SUCH A MEETING IF IT IS DESIRED. SHOULD THE MEETING TAKE PLACE, THE NATIONS WHICH WOULD BE INVITED ARE BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, PANAMA, ECUADOR, VENEZUELA, CHILE AND ARGENTINA. OTHER NATIONS WOULD BE EXCLUDED BECAUSE THEY ARE, IN VELASCO'S WORDS, NEITHER BOLIVARIAN NOR SAN MARTINIAN (I.E. OWING THEIR INDEPENDENCE TO EITHER OF THE TWO LEADERS).

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